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For: CHROMOSOME-SPECIFIC STAINING

TO DETECT GENETIC

REARRANGEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH CHROMOSOME 3 AND/OR CHROMOSOME 17 (as amended)

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action dated November 22, 1999, please amend the above-cited application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Four Times Amended) A method of staining targeted chromosomal material based upon nucleic acid segment employing a unique sequence high complexity nucleic acid probe of greater than about 50,000 bases, wherein said targeted chromosomal material is a genetic rearrangement associated with chromosome.3 and/or chromosome 17 in humans, said method comprising

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